

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus, comprising:

an interface that receives ~~information about~~ a characteristic word file containing a plurality of characteristic words ~~representing characteristics~~ extracted from each of a plurality of television programs program information which includes information concerning respective television programs, each of the plurality of characteristic words being included in the plurality of television program information;

a display section configured to display the plurality of characteristic words and to change a color of a displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words relative to a color of an other displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words; and

a communication section that allows a ~~selection of~~ user to select the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words, wherein

the interface transmits information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words selected by the user to a recording and playback apparatus upon the selection, and is configured to receive television program information about one of the television programs from the recording and playback apparatus in response to the transmitted information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words selected by the user.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the interface receives the ~~information about~~ characteristic word file containing the plurality of characteristic words from the recording and playback apparatus.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the display section is further configured to display only the plurality of characteristic words, when a search mode is enabled.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the display section is further configured to display the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words in an inverted color relative to the other displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the display section is further configured to display the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words in an upper part of the display section relative to the other displayed one of the plurality of the characteristic words.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): An information processing method implemented by a display apparatus, comprising:

controlling a reception of ~~information about~~ a characteristic word file containing a plurality of characteristic words representing characteristics extracted from each of a plurality of television programs program information which includes information concerning respective television programs, each of the plurality of characteristic words being included in the plurality of television program information;

~~changing~~ displaying, with the display apparatus, the plurality of characteristic words and changing a color of a displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words relative to a color of an other displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words;

allowing a ~~selection of the displayed~~ user to select one of the plurality of characteristic words displayed;

controlling a transmission of information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words selected by the user to a recording and playback apparatus upon the selection; and

controlling a reception of television program information about one of the television programs from the recording and playback apparatus in response to the transmission of the information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words selected by the user.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The information processing method according to claim 22, wherein, in the controlling the reception of the ~~information about~~ characteristic word file containing the plurality of characteristic words, the information about the plurality of characteristic words is received from the recording and playback apparatus.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 22, further comprising:

displaying, with the display apparatus, only the plurality of characteristic words, when a search mode is enabled.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 22, wherein, in the changing, the display apparatus displays the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words in an inverted color relative to the other displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The information processing method according to claim 22, further comprising:

displaying the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words in an upper part of the display apparatus relative to the other displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable, non-transitory storage medium encoded with computer executable instructions, wherein the instructions, when executed by a processing unit, cause the processing unit to:

control a reception of ~~information about~~ a characteristic word file containing a plurality of characteristic words representing characteristics extracted from each of a plurality of television programs program information which includes information concerning respective television programs, each of the plurality of characteristic words being included in the plurality of television program information;

control a display section to display the plurality of characteristic words and change a color of a displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words relative to a color of an other displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words;

allow a ~~selection of the displayed~~ user to select one of the plurality of characteristic words displayed;

control a transmission of information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words selected by the user to a recording and playback apparatus upon the selection; and

control a reception of television program information about one of the television programs from the recording and playback apparatus in response to the transmission of the

information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words selected by the user.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable, non-transitory storage medium according to claim 27, wherein the ~~information about~~ the characteristic word file containing the plurality of characteristic words is received from the recording and playback apparatus.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable, non-transitory storage medium according to claim 27, wherein the instructions cause the processing unit to control the display section to display only the plurality of characteristic words, when a search mode is enabled.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable, non-transitory storage medium according to claim 27, wherein the instructions cause the processing unit to control the display section to display the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words in an inverted color relative to the other displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The computer-readable, non-transitory storage medium according to claim 27, wherein the instructions cause the processing unit to control the display section to display the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words in an upper part of the display section relative to the other displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words.

Claim 32 (New): The information processing method according to claim 22, wherein the characteristic word file is created by analyzing the plurality of television program information which further includes a plurality of television program IDs which each identify a respective television program information, extracting at least one word from each of the plurality of television program information, and determining the plurality of characteristic words from the extracted words, wherein each said characteristic word is a word that represents a characteristic of one of the respective television programs.

Claim 33 (New): The information processing method according to claim 32, wherein the recording and playback apparatus creates an association file containing the plurality of determined characteristic words and associates each of the plurality of determined characteristic words with a respective television program ID of the television program information corresponding to said characteristic word, receives the information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words selected by the user from the interface, identifies a respective television program ID associated with the received information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words selected by the user by comparing the received information about the displayed one of the plurality of characteristic words with the plurality of determined characteristic words contained in the association file, and transmits television program information concerning a respective television program corresponding to said identified respective television program ID.